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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (withdrawn): A method of mitigating retinoid irritation of human skin in a composition containing a retinoid comprising applying to said skin a sugar selected from the group consisting of: ascorbic acid-2-glucoside, oligosaccharides such as lactose and melibiose and combinations thereof.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): A method according to claim 24 wherein said sugar is ascorbic acid-2-glucoside.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): A method of controlling the administration of hydrophilic or hydrophobic active ingredients using a composition of Claim 1.

Claim 27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (currently amended): A method for enhancing the permeation of a retinoid into the skin comprising according to claim 32 comprising applying topically to said skin a wherein said composition consisting essentially of: *in need thereof*

- a. a topically active amount of a retinoid;
  - b. from about 0.01% to about 20% of a sugar selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid-2-glucoside, lactose and melibiose;
  - c. from about ~~0.01%~~ 0.1% to about 20% 5% of an acrylate/C10-C30 alkyl acrylate cross-polymer; and
  - d. from about 0.01% to about 20% 5% of a polyoxyethylene alcohol. ✓
- check retin + lactose + melibiose + permeation + alcohol*

Claim 33 (canceled)

Claim 29 (newly presented): A method for enhancing the permeation of a retinoid into the skin comprising applying topically to said skin a composition comprising: from about 0.1 to about 7 weight percent of a sugar selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid-2-glucoside, lactose and melibiose; from about 0.1 to about 1 weight percent of an acrylate/C10-C30 alkyl acrylate cross-polymer; and from about 0.01 to about 2 weight percent of a polyoxyethylene alcohol. *NO need for retinoid*